THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The understanding reached between Air India Management and ACEU on 15th September, 1992 was discussed again with ACEU and a revised understanding was signed before Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central) on 16.2.1995 which has been fully implemented.

Accident on an Air India's Boeing

5928. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India's new B-747-400 series aircraft met with an accident on ground at Bombay;

(b) if so, what was the cause of such an accident;

(c) whether any action was taken against the personnel responsible for occurrence of accidents in Air India: and

(d) what is the total loss caused to Government in the above accident with detailed break-up?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Air India's B-747-400 aircraft was involved in a ground incident at Bombay on 1.8.94 The incident occurred due to unauthorised handling of ground handling equipment by a cleaner.

(c) Departmental inquiry is in progress and disciplinary action will be taken based on the findings of enquiry.

(d) Rs. 1.10 lacs were spent towards labour and material cost.

Extension of service of Air India employees on contract basis

5929. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government nominees on Air India Board had opposed the extension of service of some employees of Air India on contract basis;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite the opposition and recording of dissent note, the Air India has continued employment of some of its employees on contract basis; and

(c) if so, what action Government have initiated to rectify the decision of Air India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) This issue is being examined.

Waiting list for allotment of Quarters to staff of Air India

5930. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a waiting list for allotment of housing quarters to staff of Air India at Bombay;

(b) if so, when this waiting list was prepared and since then how many employees have been allotted quarters from this waiting list and how many otherwise; details thereof;

(c) whether any employees arrested by the police in a criminal case and suspended by Air Indra has been allotted quarter during this period; and

(d) if so, on what basis?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) A waitlist of eligible employees was prepared and displayed on 24.3.94; out of 122 employees waitlisted for 'A' type flats 25 allotments have been made. For 'B' type flats, out of 218 employees waitlisted, 20 flats have been allotted and for type 'C' flats only 3 allotments could be made out of 126 employees waitlisted.